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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD VIET-NAM

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES EMBASSY SAIGON READINESS PROVIDE INFORMATION ON VIET-NAM SITUATION BUT PERUVIAN POSTURE ON VIET-NAM ISSUE AND ITS SUPPORT FOR VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST EFFORTS TO INSTALL "PRG" IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES DOES NOT STEM FROM A LACK OF INFORMATION. FACT IS THAT PERU HAS ASSIDUOUSLY CULTIVATED ITS THIRD WORLD CREDENTIALS AND NOW CONSIDERS ITSELF A THIRD WORLD LEADER. GOP REGULARLY ATTENDS MEETINGS SUCH AS 1973 ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE (WHERE PERU ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT) AND PLANS TO HOST SUCH A NON-ALIGNED GATHERING IN 1975. VISITORS FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES ARE WELCOME HERE AND THEIR PROPAGANDA

EFFORTS ARE WELL PUBLICIZED IN GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRESS. MOST RECENT EXAMPLE WAS THE LATIN AMERICAN ENCOUNTER TO AID THE INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA HELD IN LIMA. "IMPERIALIST U.S. TROOPS" WERE SEEN AS MAJOR BAR TO "PEACEFUL" REUNIFICATION. CHIEF PROTAGONIST AT CONFERENCE WAS A NORTH KOREAN LEGISLATIVE DEPUTY.

2. ALTHOUGH ON SOME ISSUES SUCH AS KOREAN RESOLUTIONS AND
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CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION IN THE U.N., THE GOP MAY SEE ITS

INTERESTS SERVED

BY ABSTENTION OR ABSENCE, GOP WOULD NOT REACT POSITIVELY TO USG
EFFORTS TO DISSUADE IT FROM PROVIDING FORA FOR "PRG" PROPAGANDA.
OUR EFFORTS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE
GIVEN GOP WARINESS OF U.S. INFLUENCE. (RECENT EXPULSION
OF THE PEACE CORPS ILLUSTRATES PERUVIAN DETERMINATION STILL
FURTHER TO REDUCE THAT INFLUENCE.)
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